

comprises notches or recesses (460, 461) made in said film or sheet material constituting said cover.

5. (Amended) Cover of claim 1 wherein width  $L_1$  of said tab (46) ranges from 0.5 L to L with L ranging between 1.5 and 4 cm.

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6. (Amended) Cover of claim 1 wherein said lower part (11, 65) comprises a so-called lower reinforcement (67) reinforcement means that increases the mechanical properties of all or part of said lower part (11) and adheres to all or part of the inner surface of said lower part (11, 65) at least along said lower line of weakness (44) and parallel to said lower line of weakness, said lower reinforcement (67) may also comprise an adhesive layer over all or part of the surface that can be activated and that is intended to adhere to said neck.

8. (Amended) Cover of claim 6 wherein all or part of the inner surface of said lower part (11) comprises a layer of glue or adhesive as fastening means that can be activated and that constitutes a bonded part 66 that adheres to said neck, typically after it has been activated.

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10. (Amended) Cover of claim 1 wherein said upper part

comprises a so-called upper reinforcement means (47) selected, particularly in terms of type and position on the inner surface of said upper part, to increase the mechanical properties of all or part of said upper part such that when said recipient or bottle is opened for said first time said opening strip (45), which is created by pulling on gripping tab (46), removes the whole of said upper part (10) along with it and to enable said upper line of weakness (43) to be removed by said upper reinforcement means.

13. (Amended) Cover of claim 10 wherein said upper reinforcement means (47) comprise a reinforcement strip or line that includes a lower part or edge (471) adjacent to lower line of weakness (44).

16. (Amended) Cover of claim 10 wherein said upper reinforcement means (47) cover the entire interior surface or inner periphery of the free part of said opening strip (45).

17. (Amended) Cover of claim 6 wherein said upper (47) or lower (67) reinforcement means consist either of a thin sheet or reinforcement strip, typically of a plastic material (preferably PET or PP), paper, or a layer, strip or line of plastic, resin, varnish or paint material.

18. (Amended) Cover of claim 1 wherein said material constituting said cover is selected from sheets or strips of Al or Al alloys, Sn or Sn alloys, shrinkable plastic, Al/PO/Al complex multilayers, Al/PO/paper, PO/Al/PO, charged PO/Al/PO, where Al refers to a layer of aluminum, PO a layer of polyolefin (preferably PE) capable of containing a charge that is typically mineral.

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20. (Amended) Method for producing covers (1) of claim 1 wherein:

- a blank of arc (6) of said skirt is cut out of said film or sheet material of height H',
- said lower line of weakness (44) and said notches (460, 461) are provided on an axial edge (60),
- said additional means are provided, being selected from said upper line of weakness (43), said upper reinforcement means (47, 48), said lower reinforcement means (67), said means (66) for fastening all or part of lower part (11) to the neck,
- a radial line of heat- or pressure-activated adhesive (63) may be applied, typically on the other axial edge (61) of said arc, except on the matching part or opposite said tab (46),
- said arc (6) is rolled on a chuck by folding axial edge (60) back onto the other axial edge (61), a line of adhesive is applied between the two edges, or said pre-applied radial line of adhesive is activated, to shape said skirt (4) by pressing